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BUNGAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

SANITARY INSPECTOR

for the YEAR 1952.



SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT
for the YEAR 1952.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual report for 1952.

FACTORY ACTS 1937 & 1948.

No. on Reg.

(1) Factories in which Sections) 1.2.3.4.6 are to be enforced) Non-Power by the Local Authority.)	5
(2) Factories in which Section 7) is enforced by the Local) Power Authority)	<u>22</u>
Total	<u>27</u>

No contravention of the sections of the Act which it is the duty of the Council to enforce were noted during the year.

The inspection of 3 Factories requiring the issue of a Certificate of Adequate Means of Escape in Case of Fire was completed by the Chief Fire Officer of the Suffolk & Ipswich Fire Service on behalf of the Council.

Two of the above factories have completed such work necessary to meet the recommendations of the Fire Authority and these establishments have been duly certified.

The third factory is at present having certain works carried out to meet the requirements under the Act.

WATER SUPPLY.

Analyst: Messrs Lincolne Sutton & Wood,
Clarence House,
6 Clarence Road,
Norwich.

Samples of water taken from taps from various properties in the town were submitted for Bacteriological Analysis quarterly, and for Chemical Analysis six monthly. All samples were certified "Highly Satisfactory".

Properties which receive piped supply into Houses	95%
" " " Supply by Stand pipe	4%
" without supply	1%

WATER TREATMENT.

Chlorination of the water supply is effected by the injection of Liquid Chlorine at the source, Outney Common Water Works. Liquid Chlorine is injected at the rate of .03 lbs to each 10,000 gallons of water pumped.

There was no shortage of supply at the source.

Amount of water pumped during the year ending
31st Dec. 1952 - 58,052,000 Galls.

Daily average consumption, all purposes- 158,612 "

Rainfall 25.29 inches

Highest monthly rainfall November 1952 4.24 "

Work to increase the yeild at the Headworks with the object of providing a piped water supply to five parishes within the Loddon Rural District Council area, commenced at the end of Dccember.

SEWERAGE & SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The Sewage Disposal Works continued to operate throughout the year without major mechanical breakdown, although working at considerable overload.

The work of reconstructing the plant was commenced on 13th May, 1952.

9" Sewer mains, and 9" Surface water drains were being laid for St.Mary's Field development.

There are 34 properties within the Urban District which are without main drainage, these properties are provided with pail closets which are emptied by Council Scavenging Staff each Wednesday.

FOOD.

Inspections under the Shops Act 1950 are now proceeding.

Condemned foods:

<u>Tinned Foods:</u>	<u>Meat</u>	-	Tinned Ham	3
			Luncheon Meat	12
			Jellied Veal	2

Fish - Crayfish 1

<u>Vegetables</u>	-	Peas	6
		Beans	5
		Tomato	2

<u>Fruit</u>	-	Pears	1
		Apricots	5
		Plums	2
		Fruit Salad	2
		Oranges	18
		Rspberries	2
		Pineapple	3
		Cherries	10
		Greengages	2

<u>Miscellaneous</u>	-	Milk	3
		Cheese	32 lbs
		Prunes	28 lbs
		Currants	50 lbs
		Split Peas	112 lbs
		Chocolate	41 bars
			(26 lbs)
Jam (Jars)	-	Apricot	1

Fresh Fish - Longshore Skate 5 Str

MEAT.

Cattle and sheep are not slaughtered in Bungay, but occasionally pigs are killed for private consumers. Meat for local Butchers is brought into the town from the distributors depots at Lowestoft and Beccles, and is inspected before despatch.

Meat condemned:

Details of meat inspected, and condemnations during 1952 are as follows:-

Home Killed -	Total weight of parts of carcases and organs condemned	Pork 174½ lbs	Beef 223 lbs	Mutton
Imported -	"			240 lbs Sheeps Liver

ICE CREAM

There are Seventeen premises in the town Registered with the Council for the manufacture, storage and sale of Ice Cream. There are two manufacturers, the remainder in the main retailing pre-packed blocks, which are delivered into the town by bulk manufacturers. Routine visits have been made to these establishments, and I am satisfied that these preparations are hygiencially served. The two premises where Ice Cream is manufactured conform in all respects to the requirements under the Heat Treatment Regulations 1947-48.

MILK.

- | | |
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| (a) Number of samples examined | 3 |
| (b) Number found to contain tubercle bacilli | 1 |
| (c) Number found to contain brucella organisms | - |

A diversion order was served upon one Milk retailer on 17th July 1952, and was withdrawn on 15th September, 1952.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949.

The fulfilment of the Council's responsibility under this Act is under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspector, one Rodent Operator is part-time employed.

Treatment of Sewers is carried out six monthly by Mutual arrangement with the operator for Beccles Corporation; the condition in Sewers has progressively improved and the degree of infestation reduced to a minimum. During the year 93 infestations were dealt with.

HOUSING.

No. of Houses Inspected at Invitation of tenant	7
No. of notices served upon owner under P.H.A.1936	7
No. of notices complied with	7

Houses built by Contract for U.D.C.	14
Flats	nil

Built by private enterprise	2 houses	1 Bungalow
Building Programme for U.D.C. for 1953		23 houses
		40 flats
" " Private enterprise 1953		5 houses

No. of Applicants for Council houses still on waiting list	120
" Houses owned by Council to date	258
" Prefabs " " " "	20
" Flats " " " "	27
" Hutments hired	6

Total	<u>311</u>
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I have the honour to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

A.J.COOPER.

Sanitary Inspector

14th Sept.1953.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMEERS OF THE BUNGAY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1952. This report to be in accordance with Circular 42/51 of the Ministry of Health, should include certain items viz:- Water Supply, Sewerage, Meat, Milk and other Foods, and the Administration of the Factories Act. Information on these items is contained in the Sanitary Inspector's Report. In connection with these matters, the following points are of special note:

WATER.

Samples of the town's public supply were submitted at regular intervals for both bacteriological and chemical analysis. All results were satisfactory. The regular submission of samples to the laboratory is essential.

At the end of 1952 work was commenced at the headworks on Outney Common. No workman was allowed to work on the site until he had had a blood test to exclude the possibility of his carrying water-borne disease.

SEWERAGE.

Work was commenced during 1952 on one of the Town's main needs, viz:- a reconstructed Sewage Works.

FOOD.

The County Council delegated to the District Council the administration of Section 38 of the Shops Act, 1950.

This section is concerned with the welfare of persons employed in shops in six respects viz:-

1. Heating
2. Lighting
3. Ventilation
4. Adequacy of sanitary conveniences
5. Adequacy of washing facilities
6. Facilities for taking meals (where assistants take their meals on the premises)

Much discretion is left to the District Council in deciding on 'suitability' and 'adequacy'.

MILK.

It will be noted that one sample of milk from a producer was found to contain tuberculosis. The milk was compulsorily diverted for pasteurisation before sale for human consumption until the herd had been dealt with by the Divisional Veterinary Inspector and the milk was free from infection.

FOOD POISONING.

It will be noted that there was one confirmed case of food poisoning during 1952. This was an isolated case of a 2 year-old child. The organism responsible was identified at the laboratory but the food involved was not discovered.

With regard to the general and vital statistics, too much attention should not be given to the conventional 'rates' as these can be very misleading when dealing with small populations. In this respect it should be noted that two infant deaths have given an apparently high infant death rate in comparison with the rest of the Country.

The case of poliomyelitis was that of a 2 year old boy admitted to the Norwich Isolation Hospital in August. The illness was so mild that the diagnosis was doubtful. He made a complete recovery.

On the whole, the Statistics and other records relating to Bungay during 1952 compare quite favourably with previous years.

I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their support and forbearance particularly in view of the fact that I have been unable to attend several of their meetings owing to engagements with other authorities.

I have the honour to remain,
Your obedient Servant,

J.B.KERSHAW.

Medical Officer of Health

14th Sept.1953.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area	2393 Acres
Registrar General's estimate of population (mid - 1952)	3479
No. of inhabited houses	1195
Rateable value	£18,391
Product of Penny Rate	£74

<u>VITAL STATISTICS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births	29	27	56
(Illegitimate)	(1)	(4)	(5)

Birth rate per 1000 population	16.1
(England and Wales)	15.3

Still-births Nil.

Maternity Mortality Nil

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	-	2
Illegitimate	-	-	

<u>Infant Mortality Rate - Deaths of Infants under 1 year</u> of age per 1000 live births	35.7
(England and Wales)	27.6

Causes of Infant Deaths

Prematurity (31st Week)	1
Birth Injury	1
	<u>2</u>

<u>Deaths (all causes)</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	28	23	51

Death rate per 1000 estimated population 14.6
 (England and Wales) 11.3

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis (non-respiratory)	-	1	1
Infective and Parasitic Disease	-	1	1
Malignant Disease of Lung	3	1	4
Malignant Disease of Uterus	-	1	1
Other Malignant Disease	3	1	4
Diabetes	1	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	2	3	5
Coronary Disease (angina)	5	4	9
Hypertension with Heart Disease	1	-	1
Other Heart Disease	4	5	9
Other Circulatory Disease	1	4	5
Pneumonia	-	1	1
Bronchitis	2	1	3
Suicide	1	-	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	-	5
	<u>28</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>51</u>

Infectious Disease

The following cases of infectious disease were notified during the year:-

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Measles	9	7	16
Whooping Cough	2	3	5
Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis	1	-	1
Acute Pneumonia	1	7	8
Erysipelas	2	1	3
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	4	4
Food Poisoning	-	1	1

Tuberculosis

At the beginning of the year the following cases were on the tuberculosis register:-

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pulmonary	10	6	16
Non-Pulmonary	1	6	7

During the year there were 4 new notifications of Tuberculosis and 1 person with tuberculosis moved into the town. One person died.

At the end of the year the following cases were on the Register:-

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pulmonary	11	7	18
Non-Pulmonary	2	7	9

Diphtheria Immunisation

In previous years it has been possible to express as a percentage the total number of children living in the district who have been immunised against diphtheria. Unfortunately, the Registrar General is no longer able to supply estimates of child population in County Districts and this percentage cannot be given.

The County Medical Officer has kindly supplied the following information in respect of the Urban District for 1952:-

No. of PRE-school children immunised	66
No. of SCHOOL children immunised	1
Number of Reinforcing (BOOSTER) Injections	95

National Assistance Act 1948

It was not found necessary to take action under Section 4 of the Act during 1952.

Dr. J. B. KERSEAW. 14th Sept. 1953.

